



## **Transgender discrimination bill enacted**

By a vote of 8-0, the Montgomery County Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a bill to prohibit discrimination against transgender people in housing, employment, public accommodations, cable television service and taxicab service. Councilmember George Leventhal was absent and didn't vote. The enacted bill, which County Executive Isiah Leggett is expected to sign, was sponsored by Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg. Prior to passage, an amendment was added clarifying that any employer may require an employee to adhere to reasonable workplace appearance, grooming and dress standards that are not discriminatory. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 13 states, the District of Columbia and 91 other local jurisdictions have enacted legislation that prohibits discrimination against transgender individuals.